

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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Construction of Solar Energy Plants
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to construct solar energy power plants in the State of Odisha in view of the abundant availability of solar energy in the State;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to go for foreign collaboration in such projects, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which such projects will help the people living in rural and remote areas of the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL , NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY & MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India has given its approval to construct 1000 MW solar park covering Balasore, Keonjhar, Deogarh, Boudh, Kalahandi and Angul districts in Odisha in order to harness the solar energy in the State. In addition, the Government is providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for installation of Solar Rooftop systems/plants in the State as per the scheme guidelines for Solar Rooftop.

(c) and (d): World Bank financing of USD 200 Million has been proposed for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra-Mega Solar Power Projects in the country. The above mentioned solar park of 1000 MW in Odisha is one of the solar parks proposed to be covered under World Bank Financing. The increased availability of electricity is expected to benefit the people living in rural and remote areas of the State by providing more electricity and employment.
